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FOR EUR/SE (DELABARRE)

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EWWT, TU, US

SUBJ: OCEANSHIPPING: GOT RESTRICTIONS

REF STATE 209404

1. LYKES' TURKISH AGENT TOLD CONGEN OFFICER SEPTEMBER 5 THAT MESSAGE AGENT SENT TO LYKES' LINE HEADQUARTERS WAS PURELY HIS OWN INTERPRETATION OF WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED (REFTEL PARA 3). TURKISH AGENT FOR AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, WHICH CARRIES BULK OF EXIM FINANCED CARGO TO TURKEY, STATED TO COMATT ON SEPTEMBER 5 THERE IS NO RPT NO SUCH REQUIREMENT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

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2. AMERICAN EXPORT AGENT ALSO SAID THAT ON SEPTEMBER 9

OFFICERS OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARITIME BANK AND TURKISH CARGO LINES), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TURKISH SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS CERTAIN BUSINESS INTERESTS ARE REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO MEET TO DISCUSS TWO COMMUNIQUE IN QUESTION, SPECIFICALLY HOW BEST THEY COULD EITHER BE WITHDRAWN OR AMENDED TO SATISFY COMPLAINTS OF RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES. WE CAN NOT RPT NO CONFIRM ABOVE MEETING, BECAUSE ALL OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER ARE OUT OF TURKEY.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT IN ADDITION TO GUVEN (REFTEL), MINISTER OF FINANCE ERGENEKON AND/OR HIS UNDERSECRETARY SABAHATTIN ALPAT BE INVITED TO SUBJECT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8 ALONG WITH A SENIOR TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL. GUVEN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO COMMUNIQUE, BUT WE BELIEVE POLICY DECISION TO ISSUE COMMUNIQUE WAS MOST PROBABLY TAKEN AT HIGHER LEVEL, WHICH WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEM WITHDRAWN OR AMENDED TO OUR SATISFACTION. IN VIEW OF PRESENT STATE OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS, WE URGE US PARTICIPANTS TO ASSIST TURKISH OFFICIALS OUT OF IMPASSE INTO WHICH COMMUNIQUE HAVE PUT THEM. SOME KIND OF FACE-SAVING DEVICE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THEM TO AVOID ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT; ELECTIONS FOR PARTIAL RENEWAL OF TURKISH SENATE ARE UPCOMING IN LITTLE MORE THAN ONE MONTH.  
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